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## **June 11, 2015 Board Work Session Minutes**

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)  
Michael Oby (Board Vice Chair-via telephone)  
Anthony Bryant (Board Treasurer)  
Reginald Colbert  
Terance Madden  
Aquannette Salter (Board Secretary)  
Artesius Miller (Executive Director)

### **Meeting Called to Order (6:21 PM)**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Board Chair

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to accept agenda by Anthony Bryant. Seconded by Terance Madden

#### **Approval of Minutes.**

Motion by Anthony Bryant to review the April 2015 minutes at the scheduled June Board MEETING. Seconded by Michael Oby.

### **Charter School Program Grant Monitoring Visit & Response Letter**

Director Miller shared the cited concerns from the State Charter School Commission initial monitoring visit in April, 2015. As required by the Commission, a written response (addressed to Mr. Gregg Stevens), to the cited concerned was submitted on May 21, 2015. All board members were provided copies of the presented policies and procedures to review and vote at the scheduled June 2015 Board MEETING.

Board Treasurer suggested that with regards to the LUA Accounting System, he recommends that Utopian implement use of the QuickBooks-Nonprofit system, in addition to further training.

### **Carl Vinson Institute Strategic Planning**

Chairwoman Daniel shared with board that communication has been exchanged with the Carl Vinson Institute to allow Utopian Governing Board and Leadership additional opportunities to develop the school's strategic plan.

### **2015-16 School Year Calendar**

Director Miller provided an overview of the drafted 2015-16 school year calendar, highlights below:

- 180 school year calendar



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- UAFA calendar is aligned with Clayton County Public Schools Calendar
- First Day of school is August 10<sup>th</sup>
- Governing Board Dates should be included in master calendar

### **FY 16 Preliminary Budget Review**

Budget review led by Board Treasurer and Director of Operations, Marc Alexander. Budget doesn't reflect the adjustment of new students that will start with Utopian Academy in the fall; as such there will be an underpayment for the first half of school year. Board Treasurer suggested that Title Programs revenues be added to the general operating budget.

### **Action Report**

Director Miller shared with the Governing Board updates on staffing and personnel including the search for school principal and instructional roles. Board members also provided suggestive ways of fundraising.

### **Adjournment (7:58pm)**

Terance motioned for the board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Michael Oby.